

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 8-14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is assumed that the user of the freight tracking information management system signs a contract with a manager of the freight tracking information management system to handle ~~FDF~~ PDF-formatted image data as being substantially identical with the original document indicated by the corresponding image data. Then, it is supposed ~~supposing~~ that the manager of the freight tracking information management system operates based on the presence of this contract as a precondition.

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 15-18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Moreover, in the freight tracking information management system, a security setting for protecting against tampering, such as a read-only setting and the like is provided to the ~~FDF~~ PDF-formatted image data that the freight tracking information management system generates.